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SUBJECT: TAW

REF: STATE 181109, 183446, 182031; LUSAKA 1665 AND 1662

1. INFORMED CONTINGENCY COMMITTEE SECRETARIAT DIRECTOR MUTTENDANGO TODAY: (A) POSSIBLE USE PROGRAM LOAN FOR PURCHASE GM TRUCKS IN U.S. HAD BEEN DISCUSSED BY ASST SEC EASUM WITH FOREIGN MINISTER MWAANGA AND QUESTION NOW BEING REVIEWED IN WASHINGTON, (B) SUCH USE OF PROGRAM LOAN COULD ABSORB IT ENTIRELY; (C) IN SUCH CASE, GRZ OWN RESOURCES RATHER THAN PROGRAM LOAN WOULD HAVE TO BE APPLIED TO DORON SIMULATOR. ALSO REMINDED PROGRAM LOAN COULD NOT BE APPLIED TO 62 TAW TRUCKS PRESENTLY IN ZAMBIA. ADDED WE UNDERSTOOD RESULT OF WASHINGTON REVIEW OF PROGRAM LOAN USE FOR GM TRUCK PURCHASE LIKELY BE TRANSMITTED BY LETTER FROM ASST SEC EASUM TO FORN MIN MWAANGA.

2. MUTTENDANGO, WHO HAS NOT YET SEEN MWAANGA SINCE HIS RETURN AUGUST 21, SAID "CERTAIN PROPOSALS" HAD JUST BEEN SENT TO PRESIDENT IN MFUWE (WHERE KAUNDA VACATIONING) CONCERNING POSSIBLE PURCHASE 62 TAW TRUCKS NOW IN ZAMBIA
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AND GM TRUCKS IN U.S. BUILT TO TAW CONTRACT SPECIFI-

CATIONS. PROPOSALS WENT FORWARD WITH CONCURRENCE AND SUPPORT OF PRIME MINISTER CHONA WHOM PRESIDENT HAD URGED TO MOVE AHEAD WITH SOLUTION TO TAW PROBLEM. MUTTEVADANGO NOTED MWAANGA NOW IN MFUWE TO BRIEF PRESIDENT ON HIS U.S. TRIP, PRESUMABLY INCLUDING HIS TALK WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY EASUM ON THE GM TRUCKS. PRESIDENT EXPECTED RETURN TO LUSAKA NEXT WEEK AND MUTTENDANGO BELIEVES DECISIONS TO BE MADE ON TRUCKS PRIOR TO K:DA'S DEPARTURE FOR BRAZZAVILLE EAST AND CENTRAL AFRICA SUMMIT AUGUST 31 IN SEPTEMBER 2.

3. WE NOTE FROM STATE 183446 THAT 270 OF THE 330 GM TRUCKS IN U.S. HAVE BEEN SOLD AND THERE ARE APPARENTLY BUYERS FOR REMAINING 60. THIS PRESUMABLY REASON GM HAS NOT AFTER ALL SENT MUTTENDANGO LETTER PROMISED HIM WITH FORMAL QUOTATION OF PRICE ON TRUCKS (PARA 2, LUSAKA 1662). ACCORDING TO MUTTENDANGO, WHEN HE WAS IN U.S., GM INFORMED HIM

250 GM TRUCKS REMAINED UNSOLD. THUS, IT WOULD APPEAR PRESIDENT AND HIS COLLEAGUES ARE CONSIDERING POSSIBILITY OF PURCHASING TRUCKS WHICH MAY NO LONGER BE AVAILABLE."XFWOULD APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION PRECISE INFORMATION WITH RESPECT TO GM TRUCKS IN U.S. S WE MAY INFORM GRZ ASAP. NELSON

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